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SUBJECT: FY 1977 MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) SECSTATE 017370, DTD 230423Z JAN 76

(B) SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE MEMORANDUM

(POM) FY 1977-81

(C) STATE 258168, DTG 310005Z OCT 75

(D) STATE 260884, DTG 042005Z NOV 75

(E) MONROVIA 6677, DTG 101541Z NOV 75

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO STATE 017370 AND PROVIDES
INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY APPROVED
FY 77 FMS CREDIT LEVELS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED IN LETTERED
SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF PARA 6, REF (A):

A. LIBERIA WILL ACCEPT AND CONSUMMATE CREDIT AT LEVEL
INDICATED.

B. MAJOR ITEMS TO BE PROCURED IN PRIORITY:

(1) PRIORITY 1: COMMAND AND CONTROL: 60 TACTICAL RADIOS,
PORTABLE AND VEHILCE MOUNTED: .10 MILLION
DOLLARS

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(2) PRIORITY 2: GROUND TACTICAL MOBILITY: 29 1/4-

TON AND 2-1/2-TON TRUCKS .25 MILLION
DOLLARS

(3) PRIORITY 3: AIR MOBILITY: (A) 3 CESSNA 172

AIRCRAFT .10 MILLION
DOLLARS

(B) 1 CESSNA 180 AIRCRAFT .05 MILLION
DOLLARS

C. CREDIT DOES SUPPORT US-APPROVED FORCE GOALS IN SUPPORT
OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN AIMED AT ATTAINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR ARMED
FORCES IN LIBERIA.

D. NO

E. GRANT MATERIAL SUPPORT TO LIBERIA TERMINATED IN FY 73.
GRANT TRAINING EFFORT IN FY 77 PRIMARILY KEYED TO NEW ACQUI-
SITIONS BEING MADE WITH FY 72, 75 FMSCR, E.G, FIELD ARTILLERY
TRAINING, COAST GUARD COURSES IN SUPPORT OF 65-FOOT PATROL BOATS
SUCH AS SEARCH AND RESUCE, GUNNERS MATE, RADIOMAN. THE
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LIBERIA IS DESIGNED TO UPGRADE
THE CAPABILITIES OF ITS ARMED FORCES. THE MATERIEL ACQUISITIONS
AND GRANT AID TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE COORDINATED TO INSURE THAT
TRAINING IS ACHIEVED AND EQUIPMENT IS SYSTEMATICALLY ACQUIRED
ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS WITHIN THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE AFL TO
ACHIEVE ITS GOALS.

F. REGIONAL OBJECTIVE 2C AND ALL COUNTRY OBJECTIVES LISTED
IN REFERENCE (B) ARE SUPPORTED BY THIS CREDIT.

G. UTILIZATION OF CREDIT FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED ABOVE
CAN IN NO WAY CONTRIBUTE TO AN ARMS RACE OR AFFECT REGIONAL
ARMS BALANCE.

H. WITHOUT THIS CREIDT, GOL WILL BE UNABLE TO PROGRESS
WITH MINUMUM LEVEL OF EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS ESSENTIAL TO
EXECUTION OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

I. THIS .5 MILLION DOLLARS WILL NOT INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY
LIBERIA'S DEPT PAYMENT, PRODUCE EXCESSIVE CLAIMS ON FUTURE
BUDGETS OR INTERFERE WITH COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

J. PROJECTED US CASH PURCHASES ARE FOR UNIFORMS, AMMU-
NITION AND REPAIR PARTS FOR EXISTING VEHLCE FLEET. NO THIRD-
COUNTRY PURCHASES ARE ANTICIPATED.

2. REFERENCE (B) INDICATED LEVEL OF 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
FY 77. REFERENCE (C) INDICATED LEVEL OF .5 MILLION DOLLARS IN FY
76. REFERENCE (D) INDICATED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR INCREASE IN
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FY 76 TO 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN
REFERENCE (E). AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, NO OFFICIAL INDICATION
HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT LEVEL IN FY 76 WILL BE GREATER THAN .5
MILLION DOLLARS. SHOULD LEVEL OF 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS NOT BE
FORTHCOMING IN FY 76, ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 1B WILL CHANGE
SIGNIFICANTLY.

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